



Enhanced Transportation Safety for All

HB 2095

It's time the legislature provided access to transportation safety across all of Oregon's cities. 231 cities do not have the authority for mobile photo radar and only the city of Portland can use fixed photo radar, but limited to high-crash corridors.

Mobile and Fixed Photo Radar

Only 10 cities in Oregon (Albany, Beaverton, Bend, Eugene, Gladstone, Medford, Milwaukie, Oregon City, Portland, and Tigard) can use photo radar for managing speed under [ORS 810.438](#). Portland is the only city allowed to set up fixed photo radar sites and only on high-crash corridors.

Transportation safety in neighborhoods and throughout the transportation system is a critical priority for all cities across Oregon and not confined to urban communities or limited to 10 out of 241 cities. The use of fixed photo radar by the City of Portland is confined to "high-crash corridors." If safety is a concern for the legislature, it makes little sense to add safety enhancements after a travel corridor is designated as a high-crash corridor instead of a strategy focused on preventing high-speed crashes.

Local Speed Setting Authority

All cities in Oregon can adjust speed on their local streets in increments of 5 miles per hour (MPH). Cities appreciate the authority, but believe it is best to modify the scale of speed adjustment from 5 mph to a maximum of 10 mph allowing a city to adjust the speed in one step.



DEATH DUE TO SPEED

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, LITERATURE REVIEWED ON VEHICLE TRAVEL SPEEDS AND PEDESTRIAN INJURIES, MARCH 2000. WWW.NHTSA.GOV/ABOUT/NHTSA/TRAFFIC-TECHS/CURRENT/LITERATURE-REVIEWED-ON-VEHICLE-TRAVEL-SPEEDS-AND-PEDESTRIAN-INJURIES

Speed without question is a critical contributor to the survivability of a crash between a pedestrian or an individual riding a bike. Based on US Department of Transportation research, a collision at 30 mph has a survivability of 60-percent v.s. only 20-percent at 40 mph and 90-percent survivability at 20 mph.

Local Speed Setting Authority

HB 2095 expands authority for use of fixed and mobile photo radar to all cities in Oregon, and the use of fixed photo radar on "high-speed" corridors. In addition, it modifies existing authority for cities to adjust speed limits up to 10 mph.

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